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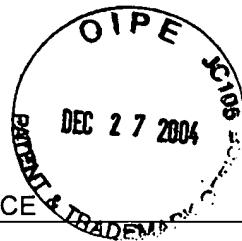
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Art Unit: 3751

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2004, setting forth restriction of invention and species requirements. Applicant elects the invention of Group I, claims 1-19. Applicant further elects species II, Figures 12- 17, on which claims 1-9, 11 and 13-19 are readable.

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